

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-90

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in 2021, approximately 55,000,000 residents of the United States, or about 1 in every 6 individuals, have attained the age of 65, and by 2060, 95,000,000 individuals in the United States will be over the age of 65 according to estimates by the Bureau of the Census; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse remains a challenging problem and can come in many different forms, often manifesting as physical, sexual, or psychological abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, and social media abuse; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have no boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gender, and geographic lines, according to the Elder Justice Coalition; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 in 10 individuals in the United States over the age of 60 have been subjected to abuse each year, with many such victims enduring abuse in multiple forms, according to the American Journal of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, most reported cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults take place within private homes, and approximately 90 percent of the perpetrators in elder financial exploitation cases are family members or other trusted individuals, according to the National Adult Protective Services Association; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that elderly individuals in the United States who experience cognitive impairment, physical disabilities, or isolation are more likely to become the victims of abuse than those who do not experience cognitive impairment, physical disabilities, or isolation; and

WHEREAS, other risk factors for elder abuse can include low social support, poor physical health, and experience of previous traumatic events, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse; and

WHEREAS, close to half of elderly individuals who suffer from dementia will experience abuse during their lifetime, according to the Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Population Reference Bureau estimates that 1,900,000 elders will live in nursing homes by 2030; and

WHEREAS, in a 2012 study conducted by Michigan State University, approximately 24 percent of the nursing home 3 SEI23059 RWL S.L.C. residents who participated in the study reported at least one incident of physical abuse by nursing home staff; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami observe the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Designation.** That the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami hereby proclaim the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in the City of North Miami.


Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 25th day of June, 2024.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR MARY ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)